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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of August 6, 2003, applicants respectfully request the examiner to enter the following amendment, which cancels certain claims. In addition, applicants request consideration of the accompanying remarks, which explain why the remaining claims are patentable over the references cited. Given that explanation, applicants respectfully request the examiner to reconsider the pending rejection of these claims, and to allow them to issue.